



WHEN THE *SUPER HEROES* NEED HELP, THEY CALL...

**IRON MAN**  
CONTINUES...  
INTERMINABLY

# DAMAGE CONTROL

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A 4-ISSUE  
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SOMEBODY  
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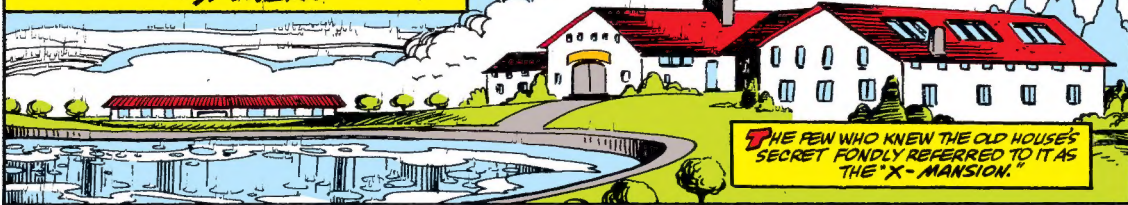
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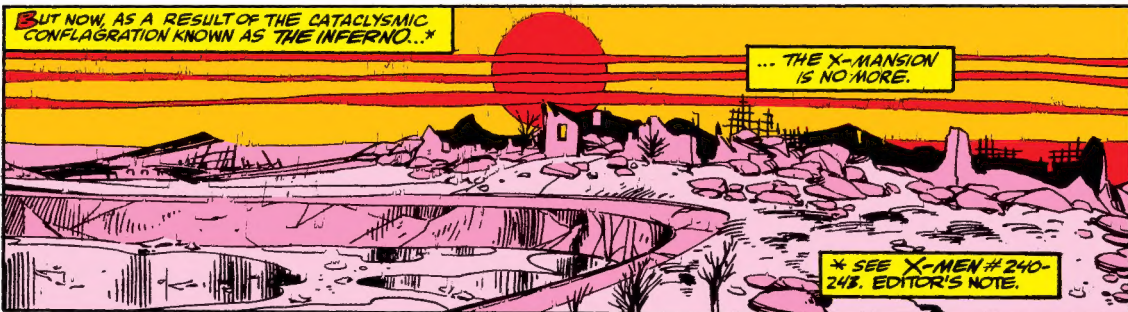


THIS LOVELY OLD HOUSE WAS ONCE THE SITE OF PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED YOUNGSTERS. FOR YEARS IT SERVED AS HOME AND SECRET HEADQUARTERS TO THE MUTANT ADVENTURERS KNOWN AS -- THE **X-MEN**.



THE FEW WHO KNEW THE OLD HOUSE'S SECRET FONDLY REFERRED TO IT AS THE "**X-MANSION**."

BUT NOW, AS A RESULT OF THE CATAclysmic CONFLAGRATION KNOWN AS **THE INFERNO**...\*



... THE **X-MANSION** IS NO MORE.

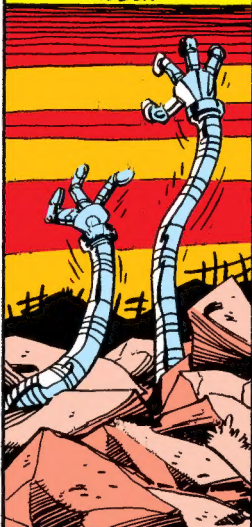
\* SEE **X-MEN #240-243**. EDITOR'S NOTE.

THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WOULD MOST MOURN THE PASSING OF THIS PLACE ARE OCCUPIED WITH OTHER CONCERNS.

IN THE PRESS OF THESE DIFFICULT TIMES NONE HAVE THE INCLINATION TO REBUILD. THESE DAYS, THERE ISN'T EVEN A SPARE MOMENT TO SORT THROUGH THE RUBBLE.



FOR THE MOMENT, THE MESS IS JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.



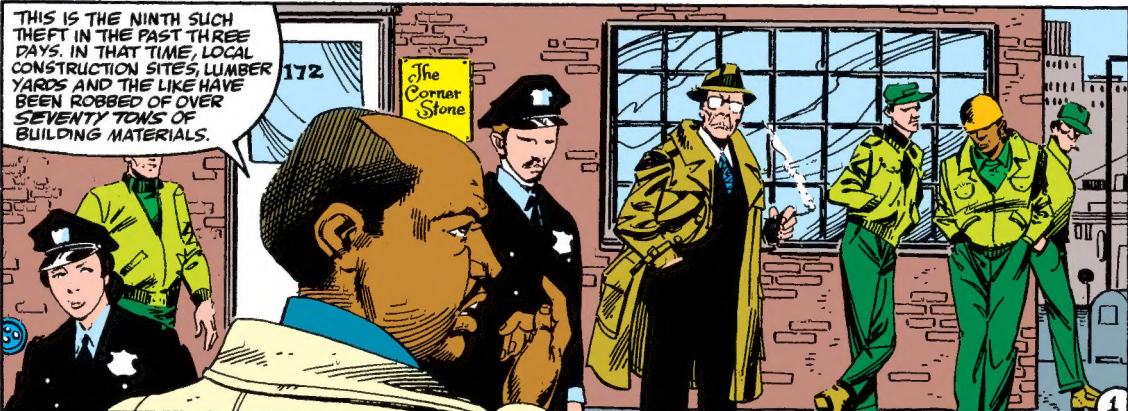
THREE DAYS LATER, AT "THE CORNERSTONE," A NEARBY BUILDING SUPPLY COMPANY...

...DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH ME, CAPTAIN. I WANT A FULL REPORT.

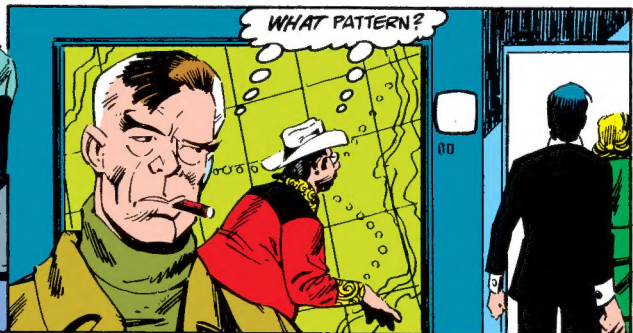
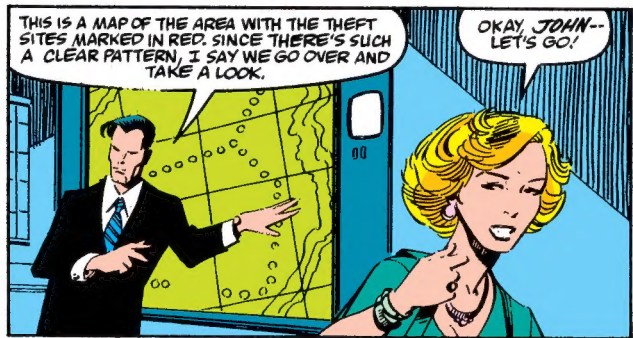
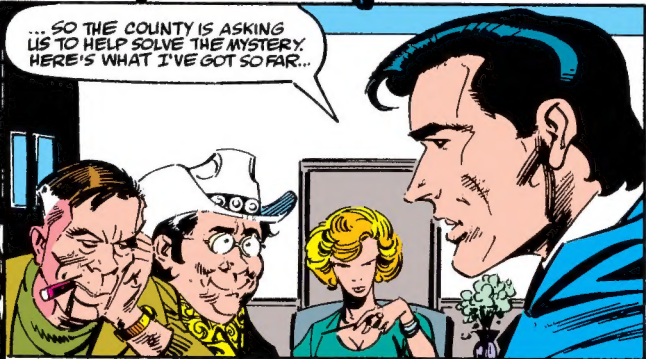
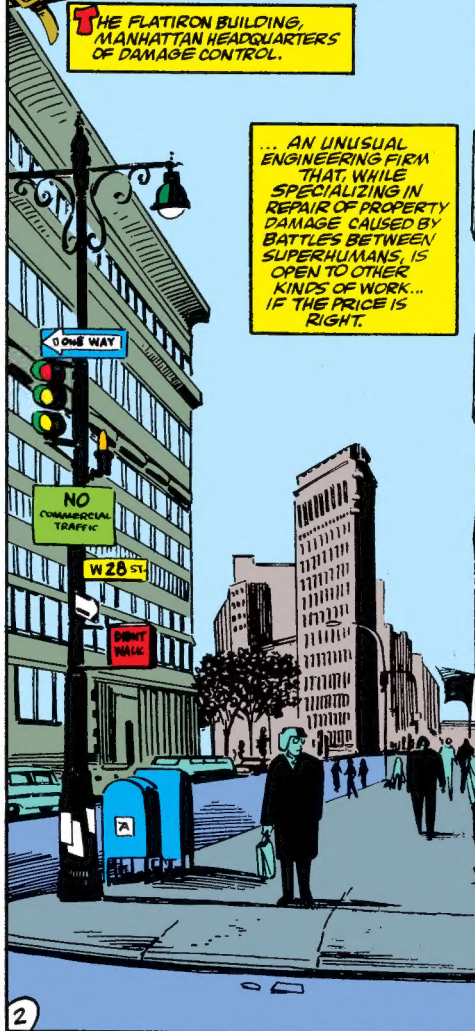
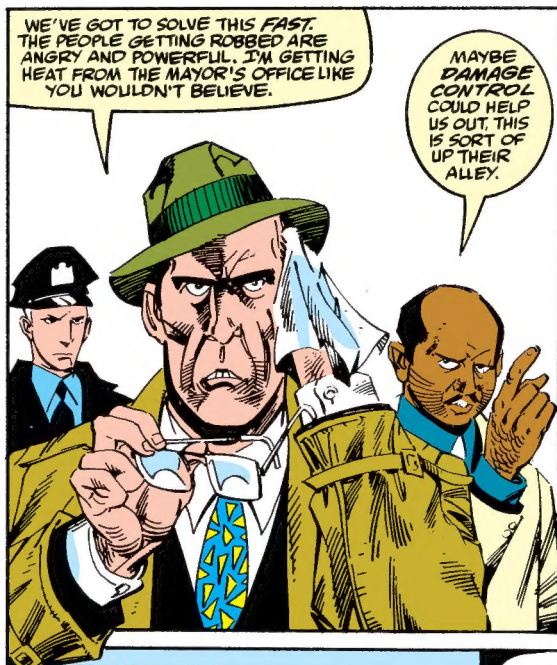
ALL RIGHT, COMMISSIONER. SOMETIME LAST NIGHT SOMEONE STOLE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TONS OF GRAVEL, SLAG AND CEMENT FROM HERE.



THIS IS THE NINTH SUCH THEFT IN THE PAST THREE DAYS. IN THAT TIME, LOCAL CONSTRUCTION SITES, LUMBER YARDS AND THE LIKE HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF OVER SEVENTY TONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS.









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**ROBIN CHAPEL,**  
TRAFFIC  
MANAGER.

NICE  
PLACE.

**LENNY BALLINGER,**  
HEAD FOREMAN.

YEAH, IT'S  
ALL RIGHT.

**GENE STRAUSSER,**  
RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT.

**BART ROZUM,**  
COLLEGE INTERN.

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**JOHN PORTER,**  
ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE.

ARE YOU  
GUYS  
KIDDING?  
THIS PLACE  
IS A  
WRECK!

A Stan Lee  
PRESENTATION... STARRING  
**RAMBO**  
CONTROL!  
...AND GUEST-STARRING...  
**THE UNCANNY**  
**X-MEN**  
IN  
"excessive force"

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COLON**  
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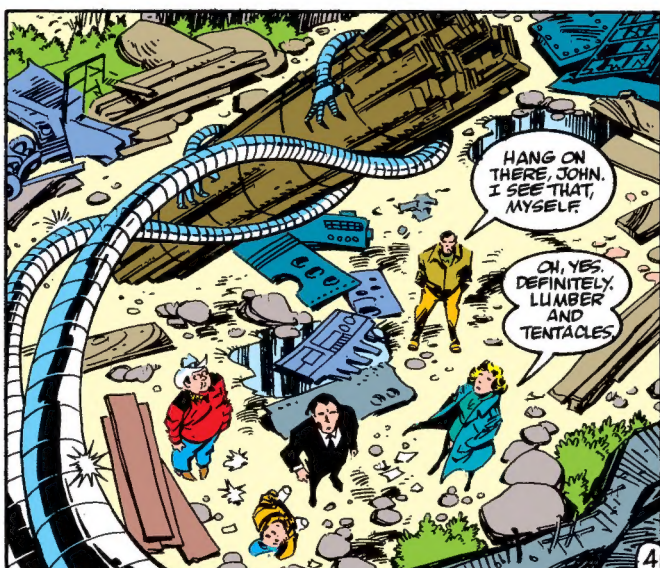
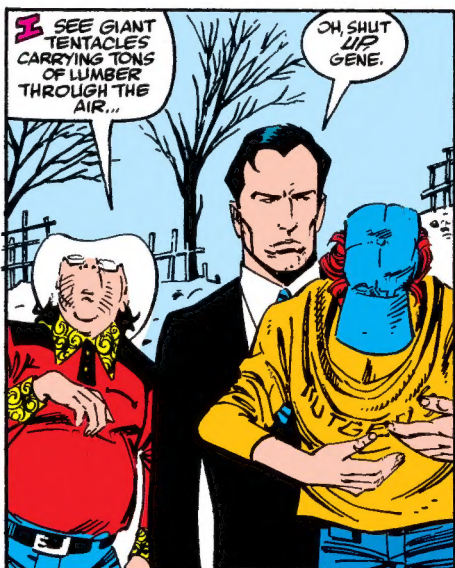
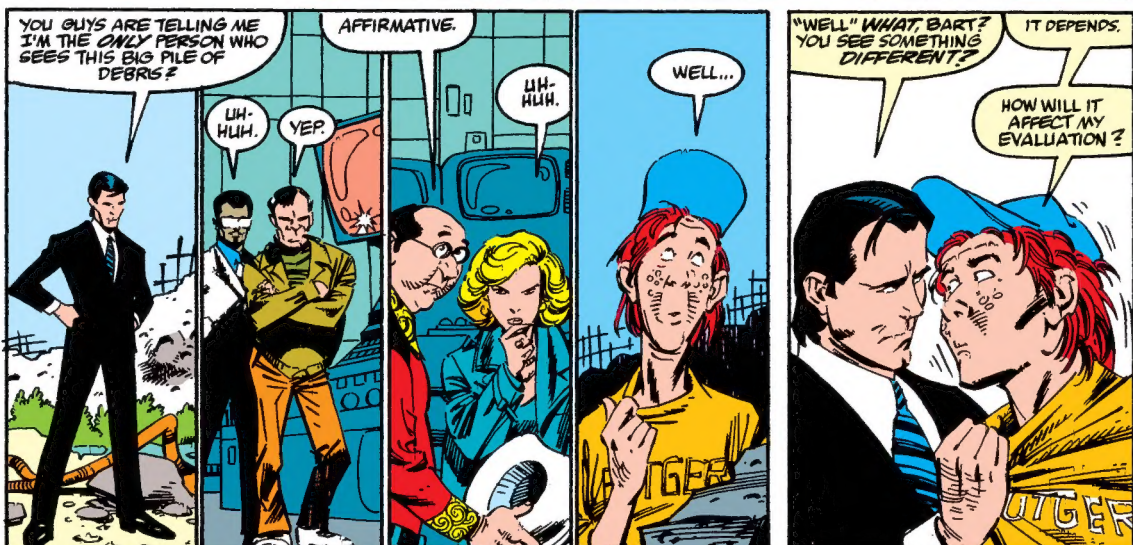
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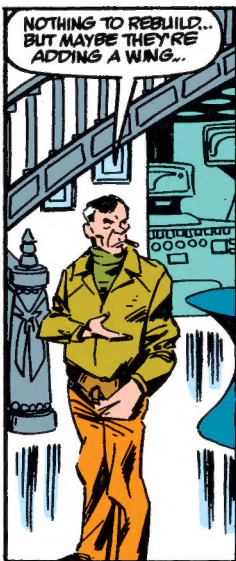




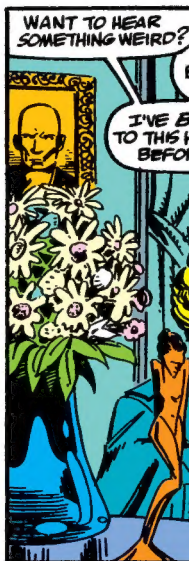


AT LEAST WE'RE AGREED ON SOMETHING.

COULD SOMEONE BE TRYING TO REBUILD THIS PLACE?

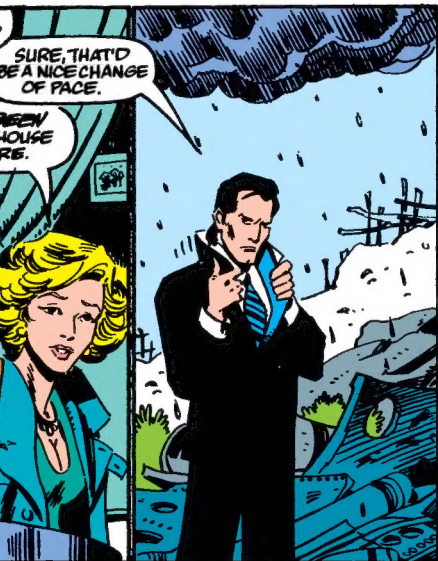


NOTHING TO REBUILD... BUT MAYBE THEY'RE ADDING A WING...

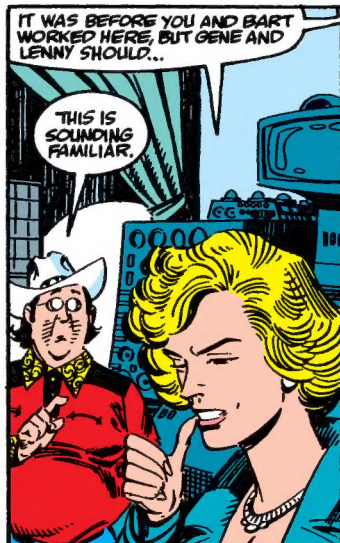


WANT TO HEAR SOMETHING WEIRD?

I'VE BEEN TO THIS HOUSE BEFORE.



SURE, THAT'D BE A NICE CHANGE OF FACE.

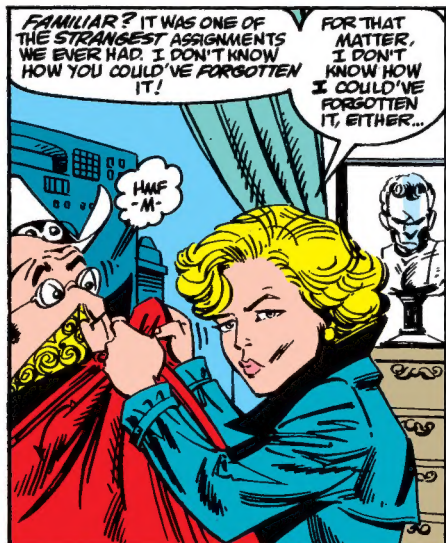


IT WAS BEFORE YOU AND BART WORKED HERE, BUT GENE AND LENNY SHOULD...

THIS IS SOUNDING FAMILIAR.



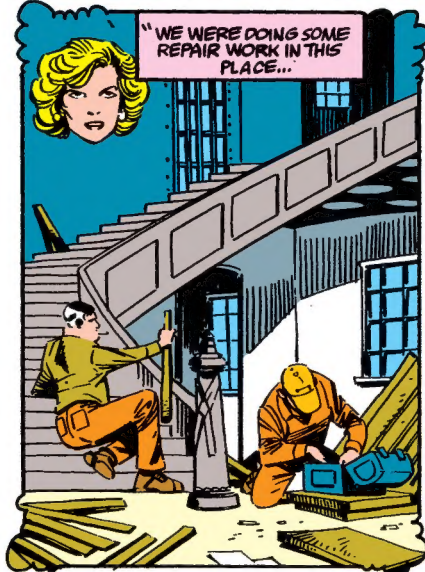
...REMEMBER.



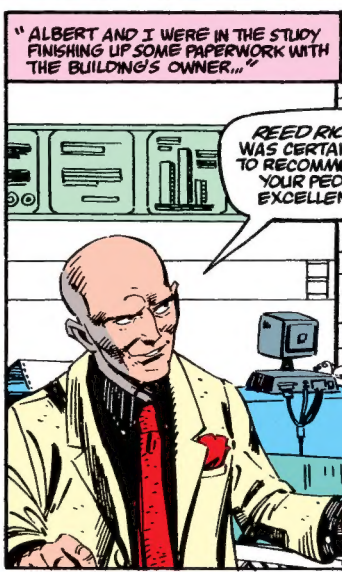
FAMILIAR? IT WAS ONE OF THE STRANGEST ASSIGNMENTS WE EVER HAD. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD'VE FORGOTTEN IT!

FOR THAT MATTER, I DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD'VE FORGOTTEN IT, EITHER...

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"WE WERE DOING SOME REPAIR WORK IN THIS PLACE..."

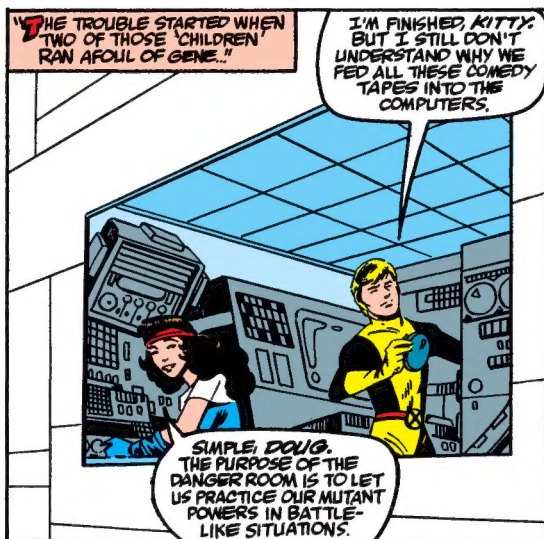
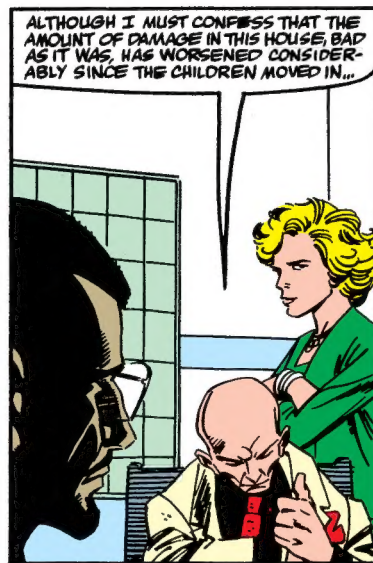


"ALBERT AND I WERE IN THE STUDY FINISHING UP SOME PAPERWORK WITH THE BUILDING'S OWNER..."

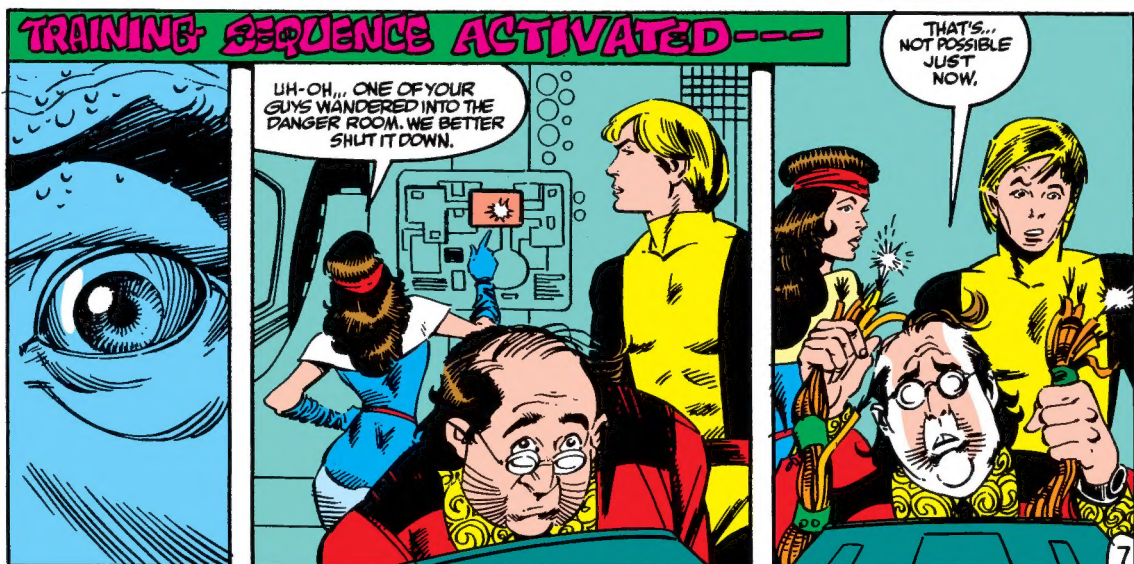
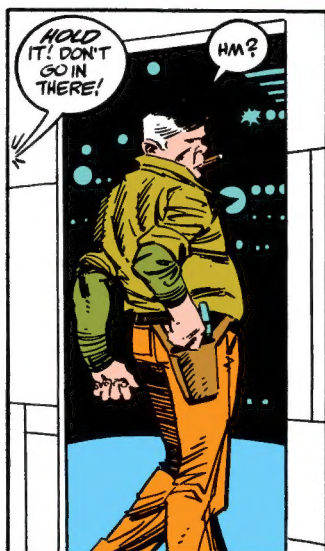
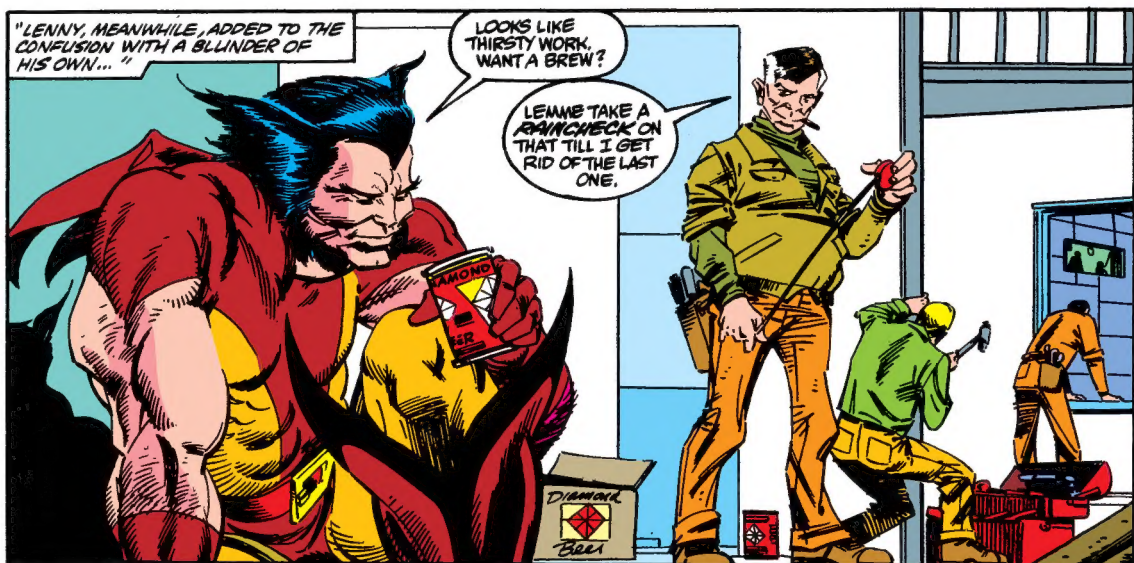
REED RICHARDS WAS CERTAINLY RIGHT TO RECOMMEND YOU. YOUR PEOPLE DO EXCELLENT WORK.

IF YOU WILL JUST SIGN HERE, PROFESSOR XAVIER?

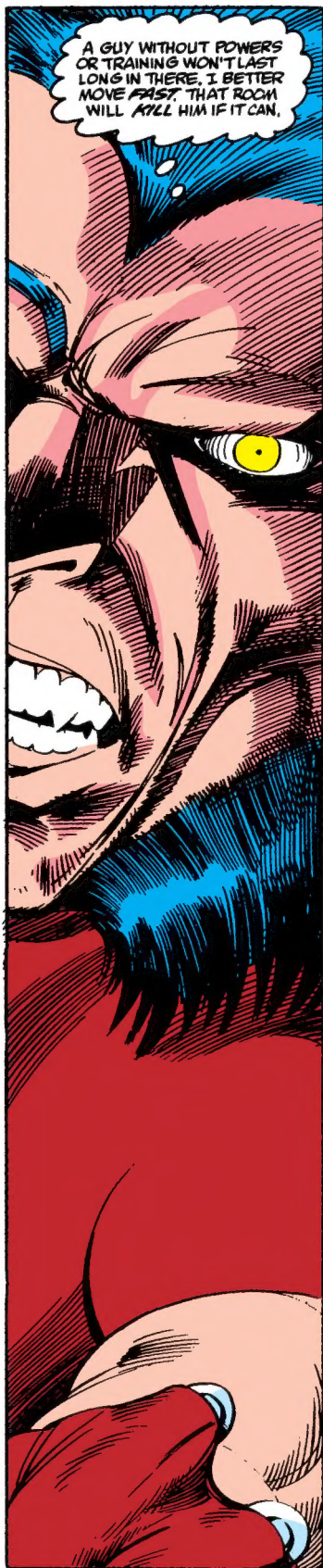












A GUY WITHOUT POWERS OR TRAINING WON'T LAST LONG IN THERE. I BETTER MOVE **FAST**. THAT ROOM WILL **KILL** HIM IF IT CAN.



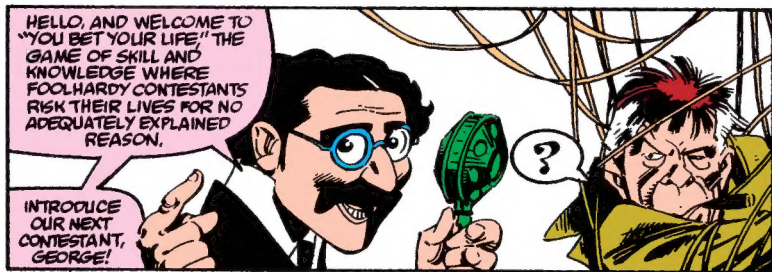
HUH?

SILLY STRING?!

SNIK

SNIK

YOU THINK YOU COULD GET ME DOWN FROM HERE?



HELLO, AND WELCOME TO "YOU BET YOUR LIFE," THE GAME OF SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE WHERE FOOLHARDY CONTESTANTS RISK THEIR LIVES FOR NO ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED REASON.

INTRODUCE OUR NEXT CONTESTANT, GEORGE!

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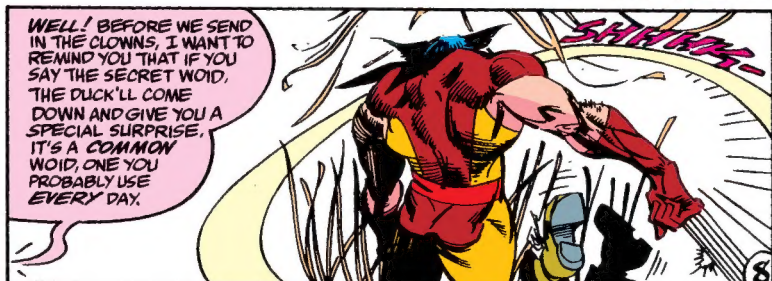
WELL, GROUCHO, OUR NEXT CONTESTANT IS **WOLVERINE**. HE SAYS HE'S THE BEST AT WHAT HE DOES...

WHAT'S THAT, FRIEND, MAKE COLESLAW?



BACK OFF, BUB. I'M SERIOUS.

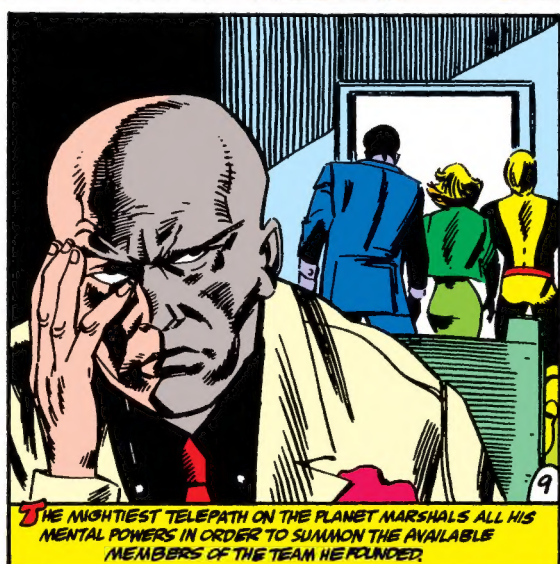
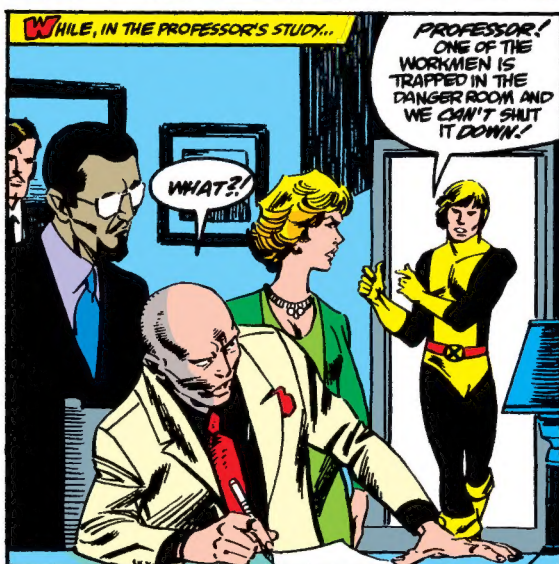
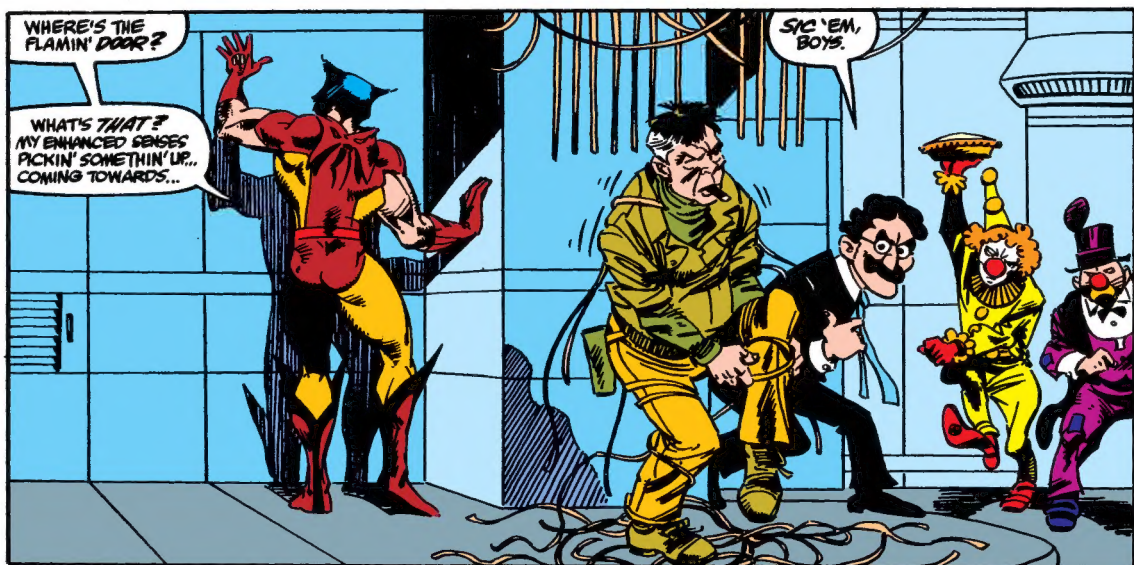
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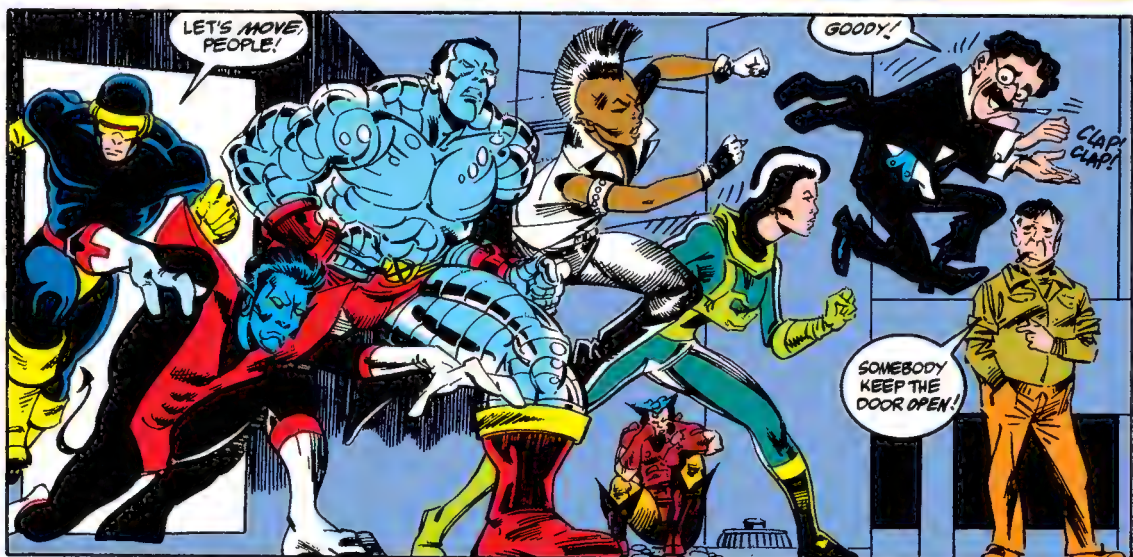
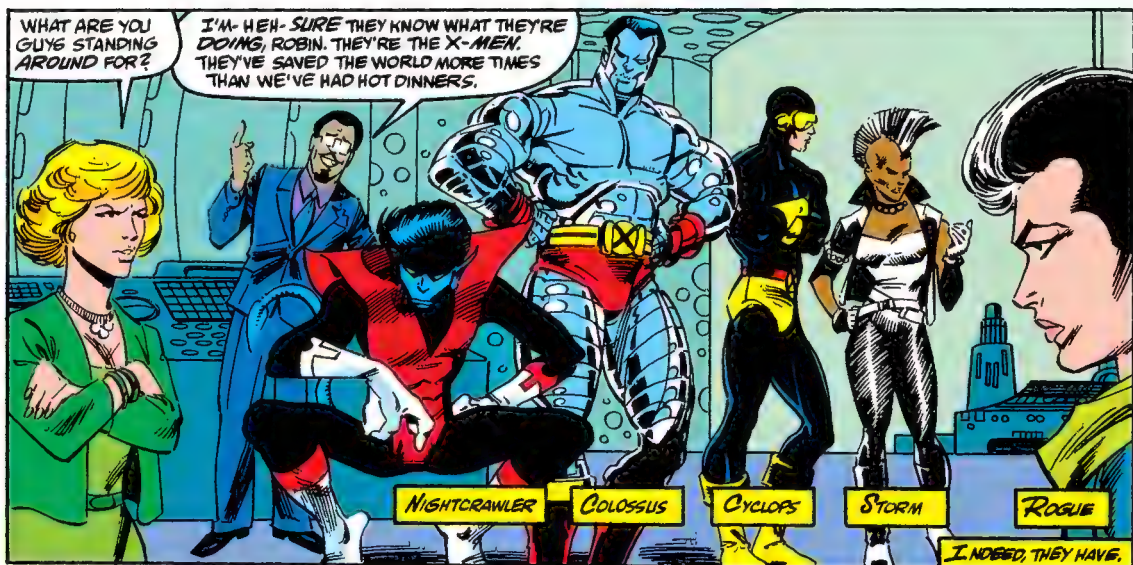
WELL! BEFORE WE SEND IN THE CLOWNS, I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU SAY THE SECRET WORD, THE DUCK'LL COME DOWN AND GIVE YOU A SPECIAL SURPRISE. IT'S A **COMMON** WORD, ONE YOU PROBABLY USE **EVERY** DAY.

SHHHH!

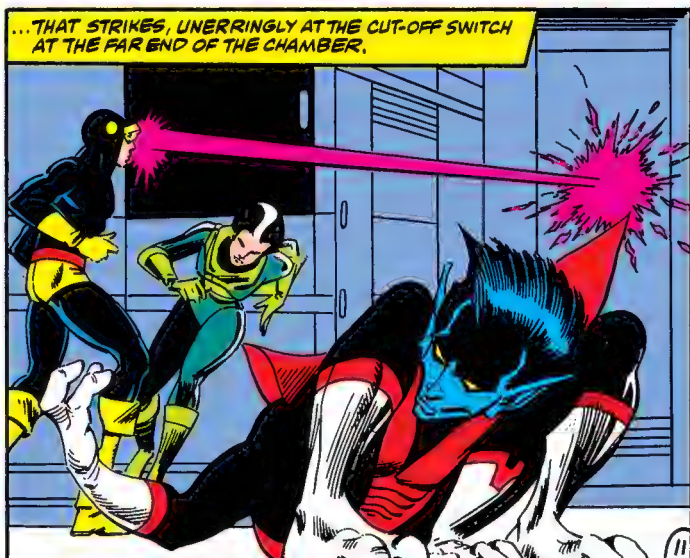
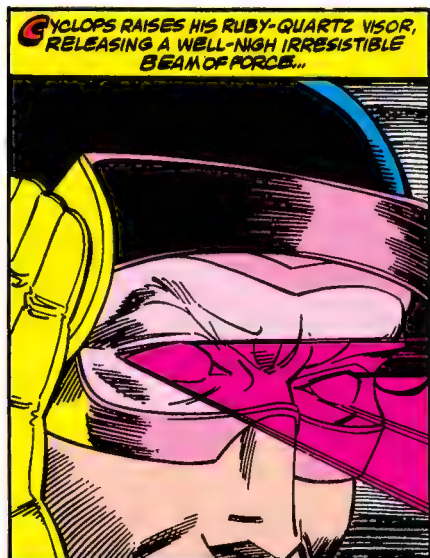
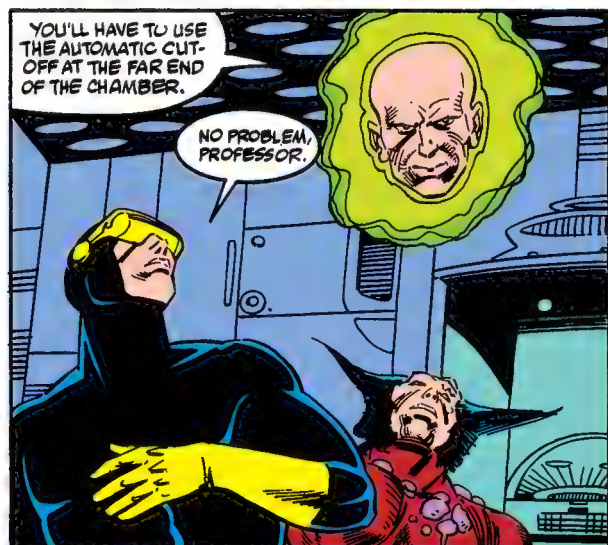








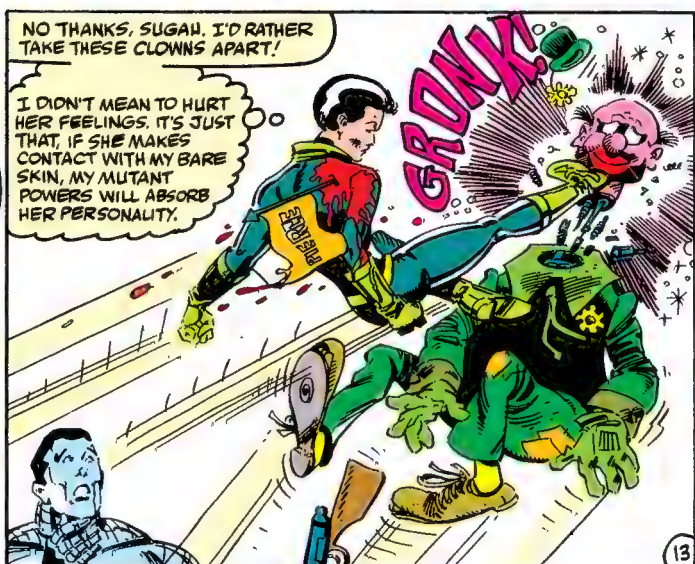
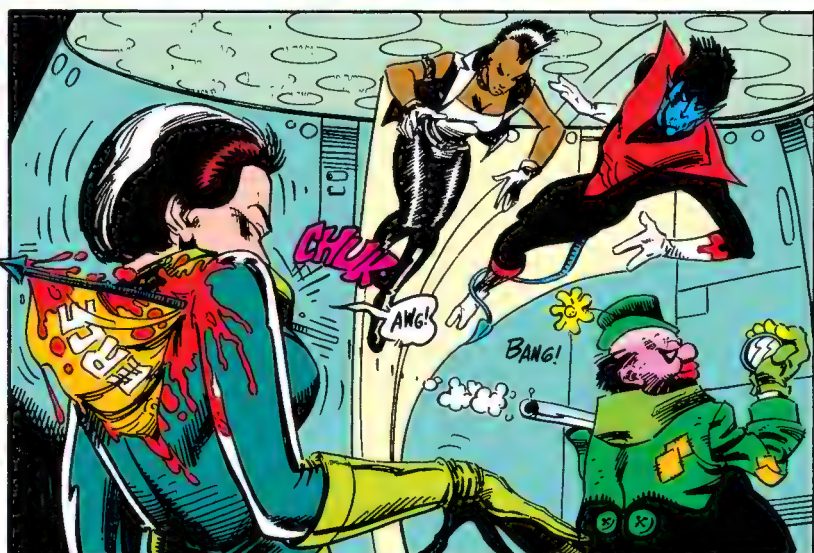




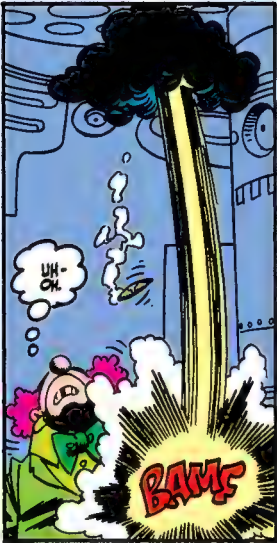




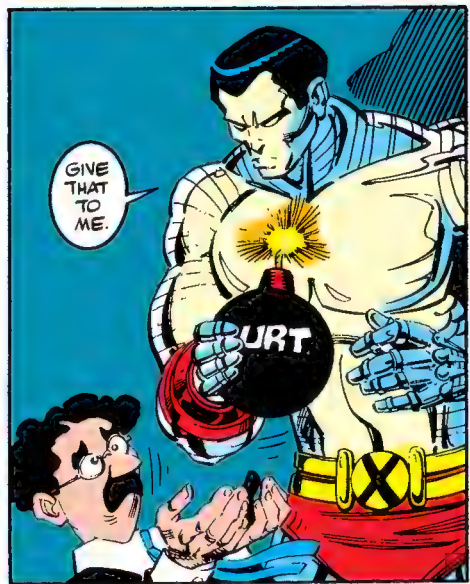
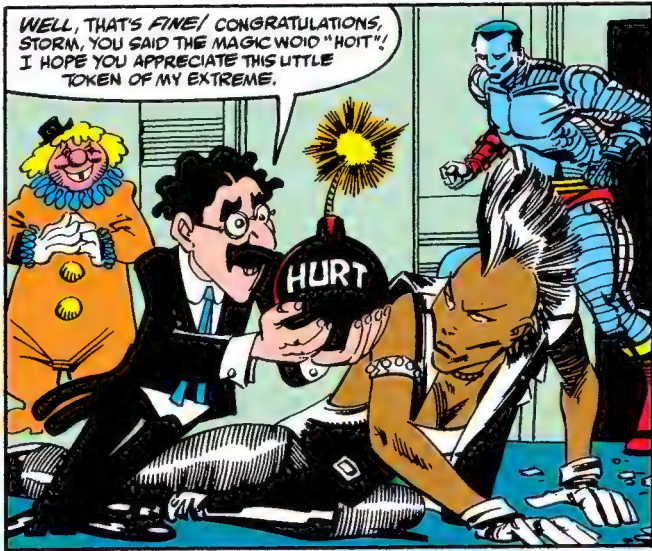
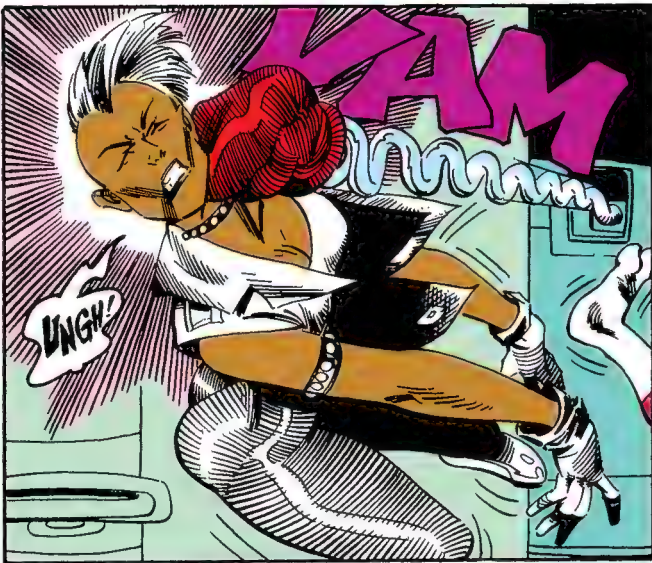




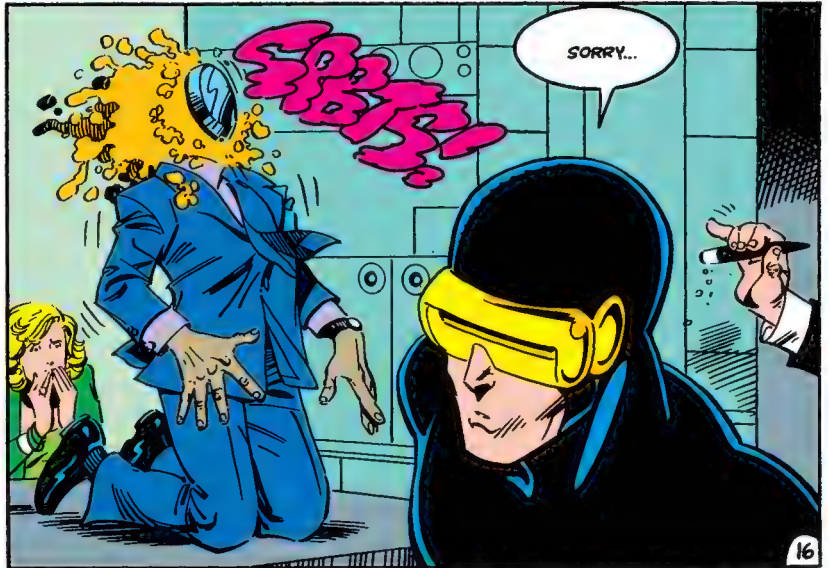
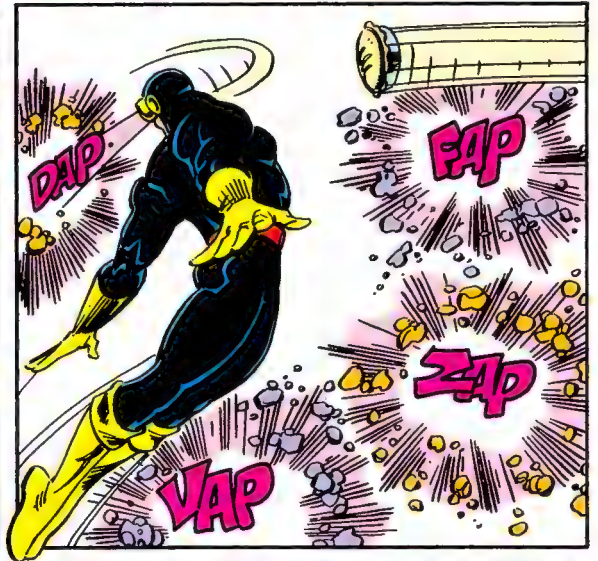
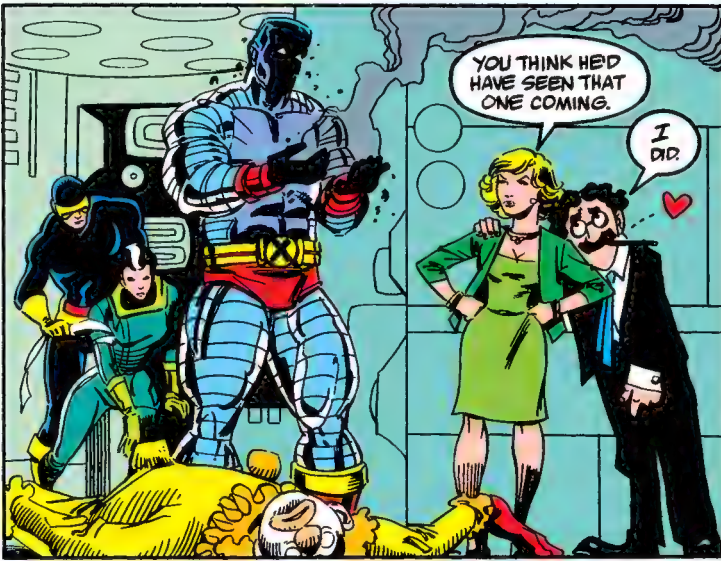








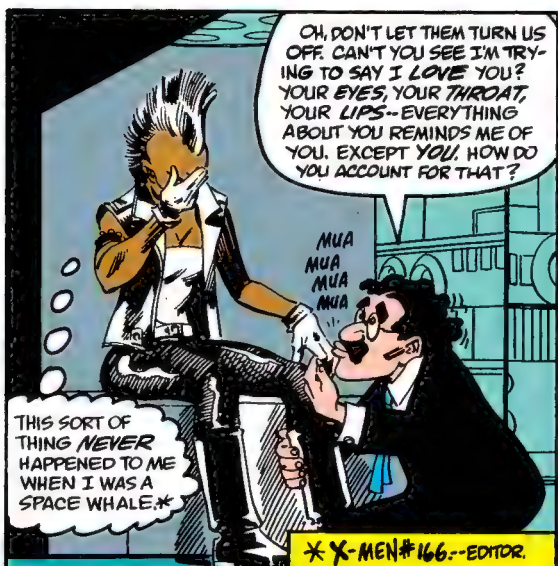




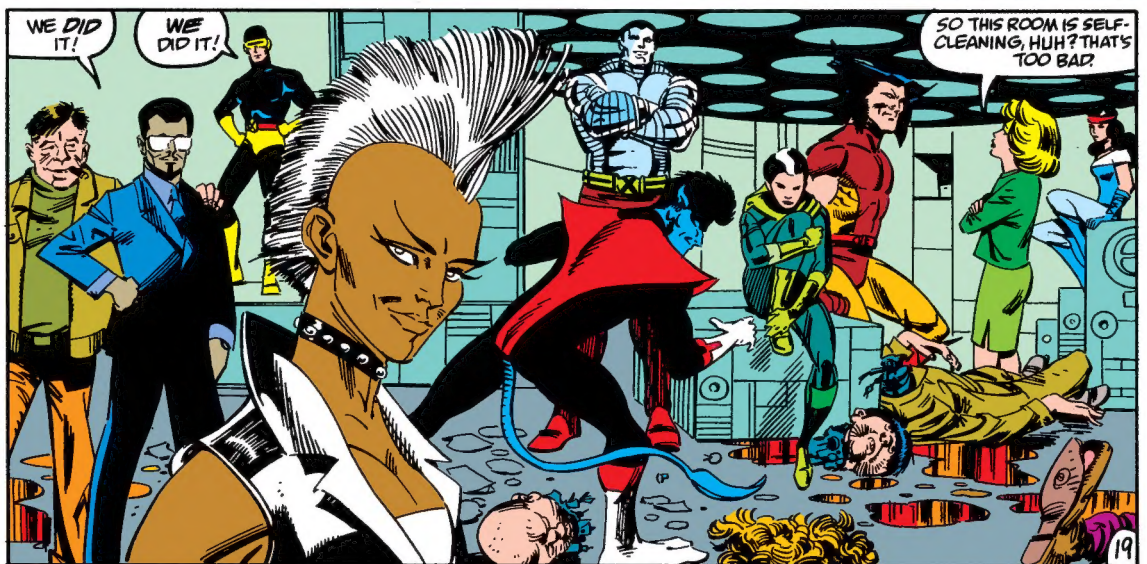
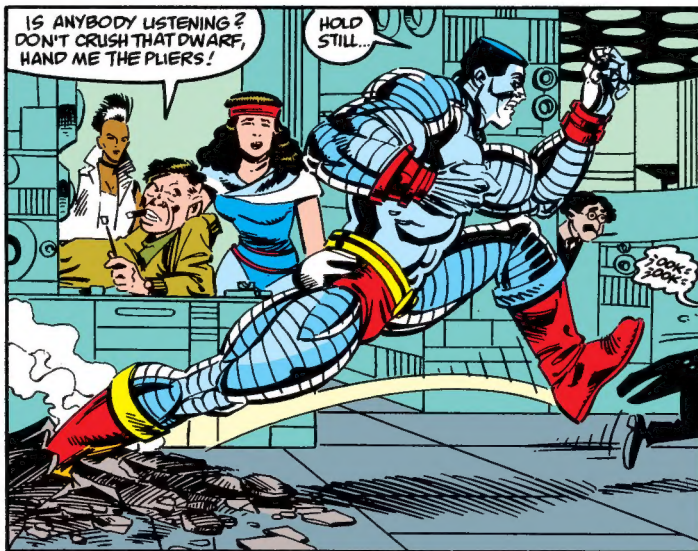
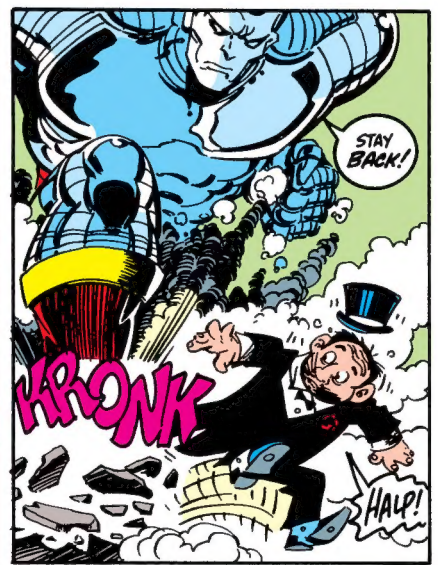
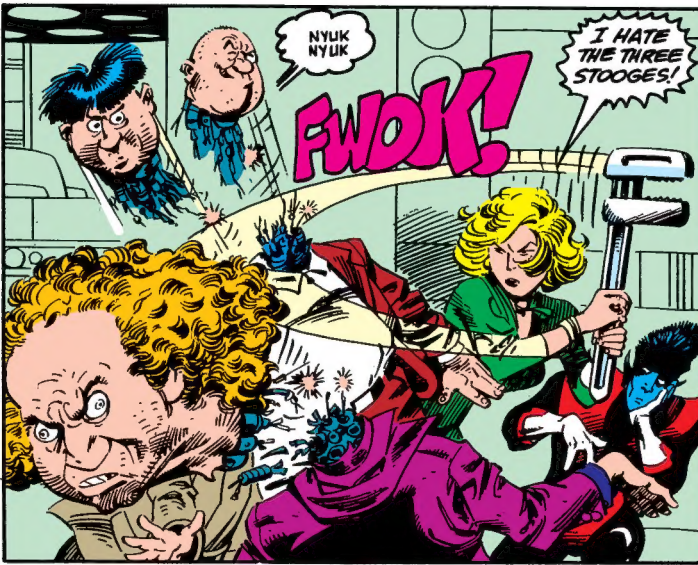




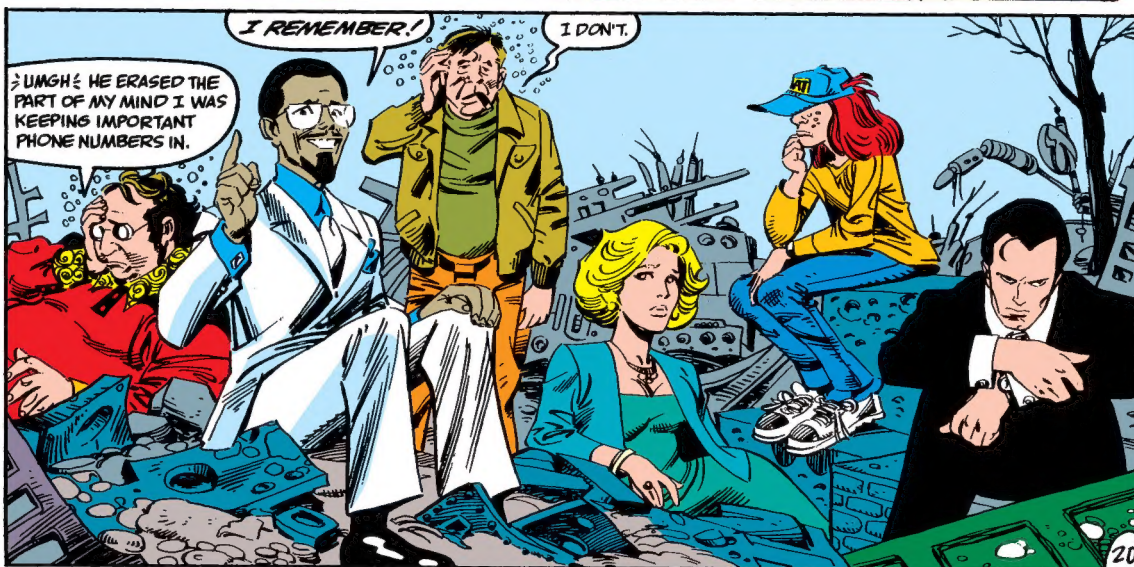
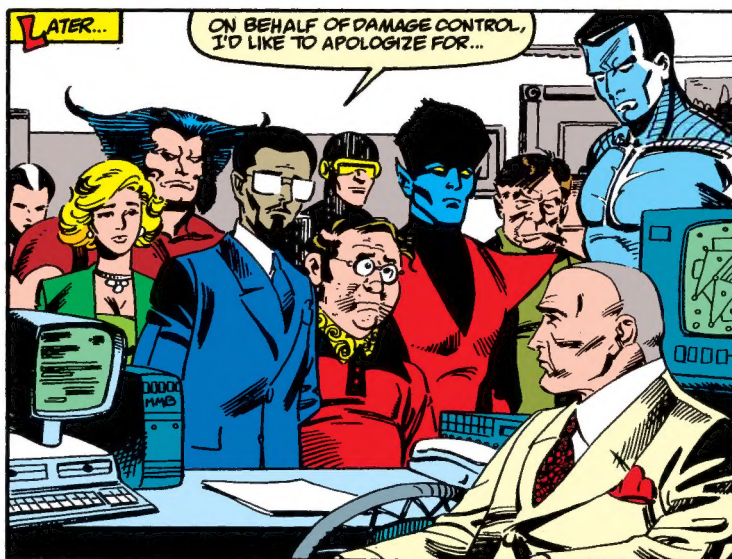




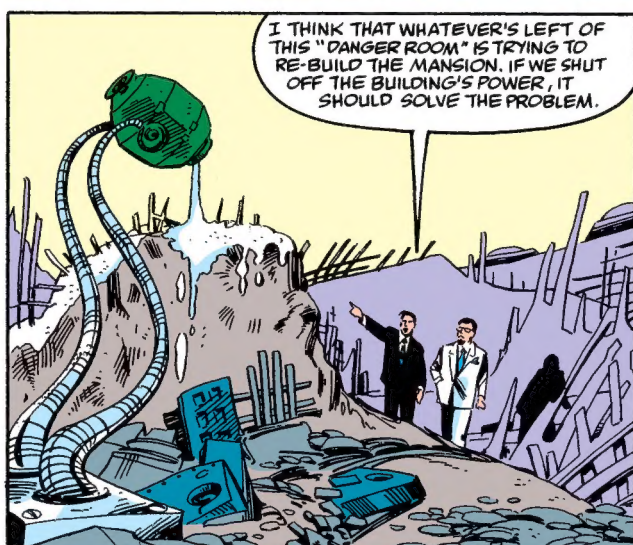
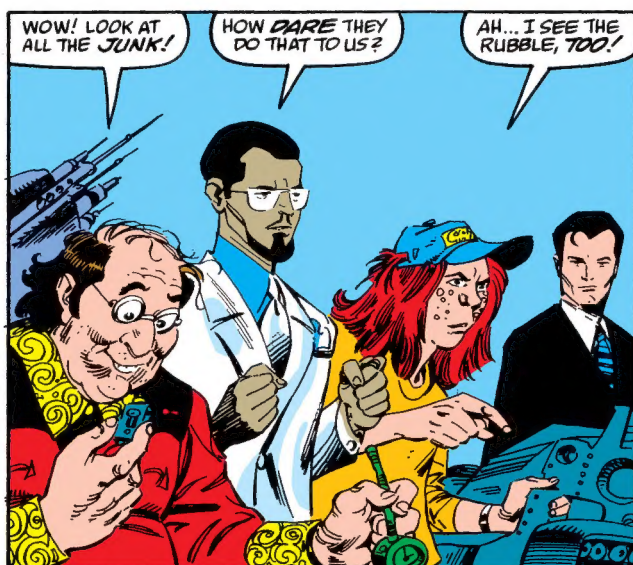




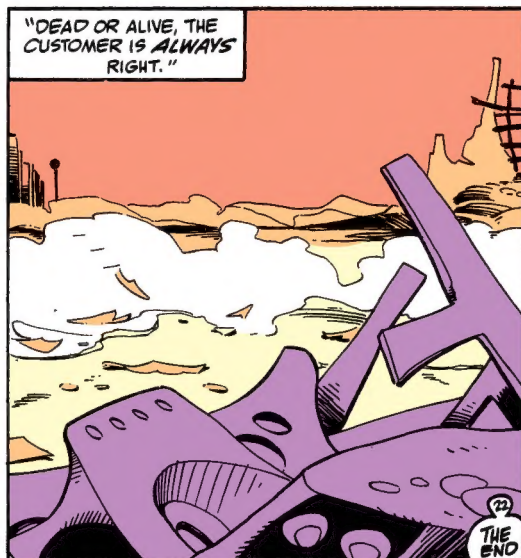
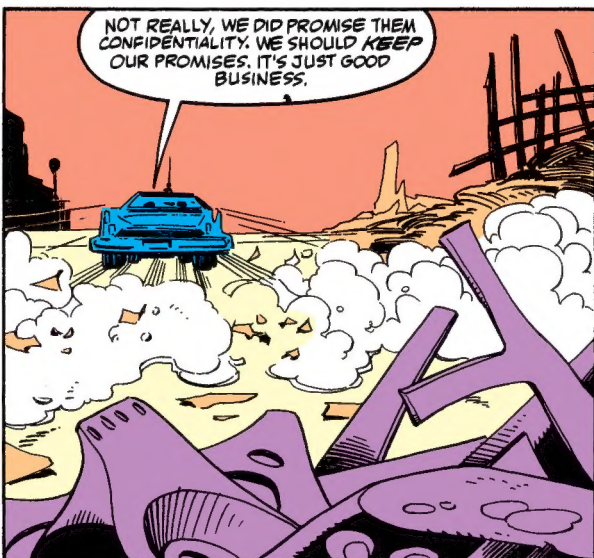
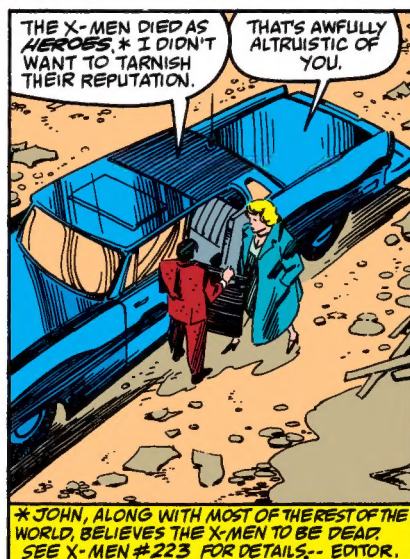
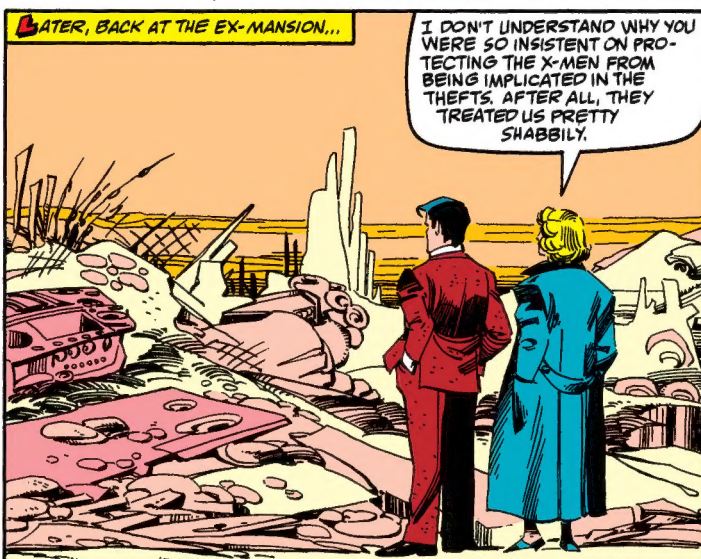












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